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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 4, AND 5) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to ratify changes in work and accept completed public works construction contracts in the City of Montebello, the unincorporated communities of West Whittier, and the unincorporated communities adjacent to the Cities of Diamond Bar, Glendora, La Puente, and Pasadena.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Ratify changes in work and accept completed contract work under the following construction contracts:

- Project ID No. FCC0001044 - Rio Hondo Coastal Basin Spreading Grounds Storm Drain Repair at Basin 1W, to construct a storm drain, City of Montebello (1), L.A. Builders, Inc., with changes in the amount of \$5,945.00, and a final contract amount of \$191,500.00.
- Project ID No. FCC0001054 - Project No. 1214, Line C Extension, to construct a storm drain system and sewer line, in the unincorporated community of West Whittier (1), Radich Construction, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$9,229.00, and a final contract amount of \$570,778.00.

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- Project ID No. RMD1546045 - Palm Tree Trimming, Road Divisions 117/118/417/517/518, FY 2006-07, to trim and remove palm trees, in the unincorporated communities adjacent to the Cities of La Puente, Diamond Bar, and Glendora (1, 4, and 5), Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$4,665.00, and a final contract amount of \$122,567.50.
- Project ID No. RMD1546046 - Palm Tree Trimming, RD 514, FY 2006-07, to trim parkway trees, in the unincorporated community adjacent to the City of Pasadena (5), Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., with changes in the amount of \$1,495.00, and a final contract amount of \$94,275.00.
- Project ID No. RMD4146013 - Parkway Tree Trimming, RD 146/446, FY 2006/07, to trim and remove parkway trees, in the unincorporated communities of West Whittier (1 and 4), Trimming Land Company, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$2,598.00, and a final contract amount of \$126,783.00.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain your Board's ratification of Acting Director of Public Works-approved changes in a public works contract and your Board's acceptance of the work of the contract in compliance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. Included in the attachments are project and contract data, the scope of work of changes to be ratified, and the work of the contract to be accepted.

The Acting Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Changes to accommodate field conditions in order to meet the intent of the plans and specifications are not subject to this monetary limitation. Attached for your ratification are changes in work, which the Acting Director of Public Works ordered for Project ID Nos. FCC0001044, FCC0001054, RMD1546045, RMD1546046, and RMD4146013.

The projects have been completed, and it is recommended that your Board accept them on the date indicated in the attachments.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). Acceptance of these contracts completes the work to improve infrastructure and enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The modifications to the contract amounts range in value from a credit of \$9,229.00 to an increase in the amount of \$5,945.00, while the total values of the contracts range from \$94,275.00 to \$570,778.00.

Ratification of the changes in work and acceptance of the work of the respective contracts by your Board is in compliance with the acceptance and prompt payment provisions of the Public Contract Code.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the changes and the total value of each of the contracts. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes together with contract cost summaries are included in the attachments.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Each of these contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Acting Director, his successor, or designee of Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The changes in the work as described above and in the attachments are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Each contract provided that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of these changes were based on contract unit prices, time and materials methods, or were negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the final costs of the changes are included in the attachments.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Ratification of the requested changes and acceptance of the work of the contracts by your Board will ensure the timely closeout of the respective contracts, releasing Departmental and County assets for other construction-related activities.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments (5)

c: County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0001044 - RIO HONDO COASTAL BASIN SPREADING
GROUNDS STORM DRAIN REPAIR AT BASIN 1W (City of Montebello),
Supervisory District 1

Contractor: L.A. Builders, Inc., 15635 Saticoy Street, Suite H, Van Nuys, California 91406

Project Description:

Construction of a reinforced concrete pipe and corrugated steel pipe storm drain and other appurtenant work.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	(\$3,055.00)
(2) Replace Neoprene Strip Gaskets	6,000.00
(3) Water Diversion Plan	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$5,945.00</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) To achieve water-tight joints at four locations, it was necessary to replace neoprene strip gaskets with o-ring gaskets using pipe-joint hugger bands.

(3) To comply with the California Department of Fish and Game and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers requirements, it was necessary to have the contractor prepare a water diversion plan. This work was not included in the contract specifications.

The costs for Item 1 were based on contract unit prices. The costs for Items 2 and 3 were negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

Two additional working days were required because of these changes. However, the contractor was granted an additional 16 working days to obtain approval of the water diversion plan by the Department of Fish and Game.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on March 7, 2008, in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Final Contract Amount:

Original Contract amount	\$185,555.00
Changes in work authorized by the Acting Director of Public Works	<u>5,945.00</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$191,500.00</u>

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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0001054 - PROJECT NO. 1214 LINE C EXTENSION (in the unincorporated community of West Whittier), Supervisorial District 1

Contractor: Radich Construction, Inc., 4680 Los Angeles Avenue, Simi Valley, California 93063

Project Description:

Construction of a reinforced concrete pipe storm drain system, vitrified clay pipe sewer line, and other appurtenant work.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on December 12, 2007, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required by the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Changes to the plans and specifications not anticipated in the original design were made during construction to account for existing field conditions and to complete the project in accordance with the intent of the plans. The major changes were reduction in bid quantities and replacement of traffic signal loops. The changes resulted in a net credit to the contract in the amount of \$9,229.00.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$580,007.00
Changes in work authorized by the Acting Director of Public Works	<u>(9,229.00)</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$570,778.00</u>

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PROJECT ID NO. RMD1546045 - PALM TREE TRIMMING, ROAD DIVISIONS 117/118/417/517/518, FY 2006-07 (in the unincorporated communities adjacent to the Cities of La Puente, Diamond Bar, and Glendora), Supervisorial Districts 1, 4, and 5

Contractor: Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., 3580 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1440, Los Angeles, California 90010

Project Description:

Trimming and removal of palm trees.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on February 14, 2008, 15 days after the required completion date. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required by the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes resulted in a credit to the contract in the amount of \$4,665.00.

The project specifications provide for the assessment of liquidated damages of \$500 for each calendar day beyond the contract completion date; therefore, we assessed liquidated damages in the amount of \$7,500.00.

During construction, the contractor requested 11 hours of overtime inspection, which resulted in a credit to the contract in the amount of \$577.50.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$135,310.00
Changes in work authorized by the Acting Director of Public Works	(4,665.00)
Deduction for Liquidated Damages	(7,500.00)
Deduction for overtime inspection	<u>(577.50)</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$122,567.50</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RMD1546046 - PALM TREE TRIMMING, RD 514, FY 2006-07
(in the unincorporated community adjacent to the City of Pasadena),
Supervisory District 5

Contractor: Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., 3580 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1440,
Los Angeles, California 90010

Project Description:

Trimming of parkway trees.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities	\$1,495.00
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Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on December 26, 2007, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required by the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

In addition, the contractor requested eight hours of overtime inspection, which resulted in a credit to the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$93,200.00
Changes in work authorized by the Acting Director of Public Works	1,495.00
Deduction for overtime inspection	<u>(420.00)</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$94,275.00</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RMD4146013 - PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING, RD 146/446,
FY 2006/07 (in the unincorporated communities of West Whittier),
Supervisory Districts 1 and 4

Contractor: Trimming Land Company, Inc., 10513 Dolores Avenue, South Gate,
California 90280

Project Description:

Trimming and removal of parkway trees.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on February 1, 2008, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required by the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The changes resulted in a credit to the contract in the amount of \$2,598.00.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$129,381.00
Changes in work authorized by the Acting Director of Public Works	<u>(2,598.00)</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$126,783.00</u>

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